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CC: Finman, Hodayah [Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: G7 Items for Administrator - EU bilateral meeting agreements

Thanks for bilateral notes from Metz - can you forward this to the ORBA team.

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From: "Nishida, Jane" <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>
Date: May 7, 2019 at 4:04:23 PM EDT
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Subject: Re: G7 Items for Administrator - EU bilateral meeting agreements

Thanks ORBA team. I am copying OGAP team so that they can incorporate with other bilateral meetings in Metz.

Patrick - can you copy the ORBA team when you send other bilateral notes to me, thanks.

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On May 7, 2019, at 3:52 PM, Doroski, Brenda <Doroski.Brenda@epa.gov> wrote:

As requested, below are the agreements reached during the EU bilateral meetings in Brussels (as recorded by the U.S. Embassy).

Agreements reached during bilateral meeting between Administrator Wheeler and Daniel Calleja Crespo, the Director General at the Directorate General for the Environment (DG ENV) of the European Commission in Brussels on May 3, 2019:

- The Administrator and DC agreed on further technical information exchanges and meetings/video conferences on recycling and circular economy, clean drinking water, marine litter and plastics, chemicals, and air quality. Specifically, EPA and DG ENV will:
 - Arrange a technical-level meeting on recycling and food waste after a November 2019 U.S. domestic summit on the issue.
 - Exchange information on EPA's WIFIA program revolving water fund, and methylene chloride approved uses, review best practices on animal testing, and share recently updated draft lead and copper rules. The EU will share data on migration as it relates to access to water.
 - Discuss next steps in addressing marine plastics, particularly with respect to pilot projects in Asia.
 - Restart a joint Statement of Intent and update dialogues on chemicals, including possible relaunch of a work plan.

Agreements reached during lunch meeting between Administrator Wheeler and Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs, and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella on May 3, 2019:

- The Administrator and Commissioner agreed that marine plastics is an issue ripe for further collaboration. Both agreed that more investigation is needed into successful pilots and identification of scalable actions or projects
- Commissioner Vella pointed to the annual Our Ocean Conference as a useful fora for such engagement, noting the USG's role in each conference. Vella appreciated USG cooperation and interest on marine plastics, and ocean issues in general. However, he commented on what he characterized as a general unwillingness of the USG to sign on to any commitments or agreements on ocean pollution. Wheeler noted that these issues fall to many different government agencies in the United States, but agreed that additional discussions with the EU are needed.
- Commissioner Vella commented that the EU, through its Common Agricultural Policy, effectively subsidizes agricultural stakeholders that are also environmental polluters. He said he "can't touch" this sensitive issue, which is of importance to powerful Member States such as France. DG Calleja echoed the sentiment, noting that the United States and EU could do more on agriculture and measuring agricultural pollution. Administrator Wheeler offered to provide the principals with more information on how this issue is handled in the United States.

Agreements reached during bilateral meeting between Administrator Wheeler and Director-General for Health and Food Safety Anne Bucher in Brussels on May 2, 2019:

- Following a discussion of the impact of media on consumer confidence in pesticides, both agreed to work together to ensure consumers know that the foods they consume are safe.
- DG SANTE asked about the recent U.S. decision on glyphosate and the potential impact on U.S. court cases. EPA stated that it just released an interim review decision for glyphosate, reiterating its determination that it is not carcinogenic, but could not say how this decision would impact appeal cases. EPA offered to host the next technical exchange on glyphosate to follow up from the previous collaboration in April.

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Brenda,

Can you make a list from the cable I sent and forward to Jane?

Thanks, Mark

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From: "Nishida, Jane" <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>
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Mark,

Can you provide list from the E.U. bilateral in Brussels, thanks.

Jane

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Hi — in addition to the redline analysis that you are working on, would you please put together a list of the items that the administrator agreed to in the G7 meetings and bilateral meetings. He will need it Weds. morning around 9.

Thanks Chad

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